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To Whom It May Concern from City of Riverside,

The South Main Street Complete Streets Project, for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program, was selected for an award of \$11,104,807.00 in Federal funding. Congratulations! This funding is to implement projects, as well as conduct supplemental planning and/or carry out demonstration activities.

This email is not authorization to begin work, and it does not guarantee Federal funding. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and City of Riverside UEI #LDTLC196TSM7 must establish and execute a signed, mutually agreed upon grant agreement prior to the obligation of award funds.

Immediate Next Steps: USDOT made the public announcements related to the awards on December 13th, 2023. See the [press release](#) and the award recipient list here: [FY 2023 SS4A Awards](#). We published a short summary of the proposal from your application on our Safe Streets and Roads for All website as part of the public announcement, pursuant to Section H Part 2 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). If you need to correct what is provided on our website once you see it, please let me know by emailing SS4A@dot.gov. The website link is <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>.

What to Expect in the Next Few Weeks: My colleagues at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are responsible for establishing and executing a SS4A grant agreement with City of Riverside. You can expect to hear from a FHWA representative with your State's FHWA Division Office in the near future. In the weeks ahead you will receive more information about next steps, including an invitation to a FHWA-sponsored webinar for grant recipients to describe the process leading to an executed grant agreement. The webinar will be recorded for those who are unable to attend and posted to the SS4A website. In the meantime, **if you have questions about next steps, please direct them to FHWA using the email SS4A.FHWA@dot.gov.**

Finally, we ask for your patience as we work diligently toward executing grant agreements so your important safety work may begin. FHWA staff will be working with hundreds of new grant recipients to expeditiously process new grant agreements, and this will take time.

It's exciting to see so many communities on the path to improving roadway safety, and the whole SS4A Program team is passionate about helping you succeed. Thank you for your commitment to roadway safety.

Paul



Paul D. Teicher
Grantor, Safe Streets and Roads for All

Summary of Award Information:

Project Name: South Main Street Complete Streets Project

Applicant: City of Riverside

Unique Entity Identifier: LDTLC196TSM7

Grant Type: Implementation

SS4A Grant Funding Amount: \$11,104,807.00

Funds for Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Activities: \$320,000.00

Estimated Total Project Costs: \$13,881,009.00

Project Description: The City of Riverside is awarded funds to construct infrastructure improvements on a well-traveled and high-collision corridor along South Main Street from 3rd Street to State Route-60 Freeway. Improvements will include several Proven Safety Countermeasures, such as a road diet, dynamic/variable speed warning signs, bicycle lanes and signage, bicycle sharrows, sidewalk and curb ramp improvements, high-visibility crosswalks, audible pedestrian push buttons within the half-mile surrounding the corridor, and zipper parking in the median. The improvements will encourage slower vehicular speeds and further support multimodal transportation. Approximately 80% of the residents along the corridor live in underserved communities, with 25% living below the Federal poverty level. The population is about 68% Hispanic. The corridor is in the top 5% of most heavily pollution-burdened areas in California.

Agreement Requirement to Update Action Plan: Yes

Preparing to Establish a Grant Agreement

The terms of the grant agreement will be in accordance with the FY 2023 SS4A NOFO and applicable Federal requirements. Below highlights key information to start becoming familiar with as the grant agreement development process begins.

- The **Period of Performance** will begin upon grant agreement execution, and will be a maximum 5 of years.
- **Scope of Activities:** Your award is to conduct implement projects, as well as supplemental planning and/or carry out demonstration activities.
 - **Implementation of Projects:** If your Implementation Grant project encompasses multiple project phases, funds will be obligated separately for each individual phase. Funds awarded for supplemental planning and demonstration activities cannot be shifted to cover project implementation costs.
 - **Supplemental Planning:** Funds awarded to conduct supplemental planning must result in a final written product that connects to, supports, and enhances an Action Plan. If your award does not include supplemental planning, please disregard.
 - **Demonstration Activities:** The funding awarded to carry out demonstration activities must inform an Action Plan’s list of selected projects and strategies and their future implementation, and/or inform another part of the Action Plan. Demonstration activities are temporary in nature, and materials to be used must also be temporary and/or easily reversible. Additionally, demonstration activities must also measure potential benefits through data collection and evaluation as part of the grant agreement. Demonstration activities are subject to additional reviews and oversight to ensure compliance with Federal requirements, including but not limited to the National Environmental Policy Act. If your award does not include demonstration activities, please disregard.
- **Action Plan Update Requirements:** Updating an existing Action Plan to become a comprehensive safety action plan is a condition to receive Implementation Grant funding. Addressing missing

components in the Action Plan submitted with the application will be a required component of your grant agreement.

- **2 CFR part 200:** All SS4A awards will be administered pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards found in [2 CFR part 200](#) (NOFO p. 36). We encourage awardees to take the [free FHWA training](#) on these requirements (https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/course-search?tab=1&key=231034&sf=0&course_no=231034).
- **Pre-Agreement Costs:** No costs incurred before USDOT signs and executes the grant agreement will be reimbursed or counted toward the 20% match or cost-share requirement.
- **Allowable Costs:** To be considered allowable, costs incurred must be reasonable, necessary, and allocable, as described in [2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E – Cost Principles](#).
- **Match and Cost-Sharing:** Grant recipients are required to contribute no less than a 20% non-Federal match. Please review: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/match-and-cost-share-examples>.
- **Maintenance Activities:** Maintenance activities for an existing roadway primarily to maintain a state of good repair are not an eligible activity.
- **Educational and Outreach Materials:** Any educational or outreach materials charged to the grant must align with the project goals and roadway safety. Costs of promotional items and memorabilia, including models, gifts, and souvenirs are unallowable. Costs of advertising and public relations designed solely to promote the non-Federal entity are unallowable. ([2 CFR 200.421](#)) USDOT's [Use of DOT Funds for Public Involvement FAQs](#) can assist in determining eligibility of related costs.